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1. FOLLOWING EC COUNCIL DECISION OF JANUARY 17 THAT EC COMMISSION SHOULD REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CYPRUS ON TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (REF A), COMMISSION HELD BRIEF MEETING WITH CYPRIOT DELEGATION JANUARY 24 AT WHICH, ACCORDING TO COMMISSION AND CYPRUS MISSION SOURCES, CYPRIOTS PRESENTED COUNTER-PROPOSALS IN WRITING, SPECIFYING AREAS IN WHICH COMMUNITY PROPOSALS OF DECEMBER 21 (REF B) WERE MOST HARMFUL TO CYPRUS. ACCORDING TO CYPRUS MISSION OFFICIAL, COMMISSION ASKED CYPRIOTS PRIOR TO MEETING "NOT TO GIVE THEM AN UNREALISTIC
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SHOPPING LIST, BUT A TRIMMED DOWN LIST OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS BY PRODUCT." ON JANUARY 24, COMMISSION NEGOTIATORS ACCEPTED CYPRIOT LIST BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT, EXCEPT TO SAY COMMISSION WOULD EXAMINE CYPRIOT REQUESTS AND SEE WHETHER THEY COULD GET FEBRUARY 7 EC COUNCIL TO RELAX THE EARLIER MANDATE.

2. DANISH MISSION OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO MISSION
FEBRUARY 1 THAT CYPRUS REMAINS ON FEBRUARY 7 COUNCIL
AGENDA. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH COMMISSION IS SUPPOSED
TO DISCUSS WITH COREPER FEBRUARY 2 AND 3 THE NEW PROPOSALS
IT WILL PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL, AS OF FEBRUARY 1 COM-
MISSION WAS STILL WORKING ON THOSE PROPOSALS AND WAS
UNABLE TO INDICATE TO DANISH PRESIDENCY THEIR GENERAL
THRUST. HINTON

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